

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

-Lee Holloway

Chairman of the Board

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EXECUTIVE'S VETOES THREATEN QUALITY OF LIFE AND SAFETY NET SERVICES

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Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to County Executive Scott Walker's 2010 Budget vetoes:

"Unfortunately, the County Executive's vetoes are likely being driven by his statewide campaign for Governor. Clearly, he is not looking out for Milwaukee County and is, in fact, causing further damage to our community and our people. Make no mistake about it. The County Executive wants to replace hundreds of blue-collar workers who make an honest living, pay their taxes, and contribute to the local economy. The County Executive naively thinks the County can save money by contracting out certain services. He fails to realize that costs for private contractors often exceed budgets. On top of that, these contract firms are usually owned by wealthy individuals who pay minimum wage and do not provide health care benefits.

"The County Board has been creative in preserving core services at a minimal cost to taxpayers. Unfortunately, it appears that Scott Walker does not have a clear understanding of the needs facing our residents. I have heard from a number of constituents concerned that these vetoes, if sustained, would negatively impact the quality of life for thousands of families and harm thousands more who depend on Milwaukee County's critical safety net services. That's why I will vote to override nearly all of Scott Walker's vetoes on Wednesday."

The County Board will consider overriding the County Executive's vetoes on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse (media should enter through Room 201). Since 2003, the County Board has overridden 78% of Scott Walker's vetoes.